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October 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Support for City of San José Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the City of San José's application for the Monterey Road Complete Street (Project) for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program.

Monterey Road is a former state highway and high-fatality corridor in south San José. High vehicle speeds, missing sidewalks and a lack of safe crossings divide numerous low-income neighborhoods on either side of the arterial road. A complete street conversion will significantly improve safety, quality of life, and mobility options for residents and travelers along the corridor. The Project will fulfill the RCP Program's goals of: Equity, Community Connectivity, Equitable Development, and Shared Prosperity, and is aligned with the Department of Transportation's priorities of delivering transportation projects that promote multi-modalism and reduce vehicle-miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air pollutants, and increase equity and access to historically disadvantaged and neglected communities.

I respectfully urge you to support the approval of this application and thank you for your full and fair consideration, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress